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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 15, 2006

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and comments.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith.